

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

MULTICAST PACKET FORWARDING EQUIPMENT

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 4 – 13 with the following amended paragraph:

Except for those conventional techniques, by allowing a router itself to make a line to statically join a multicast group including a specified multicast source, multicast traffic from the specified source can be flowed to the line even when an end user terminal on the line does not support IGMPv3 (Cisco Systems, Inc.: “Source-Specific Multicast with IGMPv3, IGMPv3 Lite, and URD feature module, Release 12.1(5)T”,

<http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/software/ios121/121newft/121t/121t5/dtssm5t.htm>).